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SUBJ: DRAFT PANAMA CANAL RESOLUTIONS

1. YUGOSLAV REP MOJSOV TOLD SCALI PANAMA AND PERU HAVE DRAFTED THREE PANAMA CANAL RESOLUTIONS WHICH THEY HAVE ASKED YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, SUDAN, GUINEA, AND KENYA TO CO- SPONSOR. HE OFFERED SCALI THREE RESOLUTIONS TO COPY IF HE WISHED. THIS OFFER CAME AT SAME TIME PANAMANIAN MADE AVAILABLE TEXTS TO US DEL.

2. SCALI TOLD YUGOSLAV REP IT COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE THAT UNSC GET INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND PANAMA ON CANAL ISSUE. IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, SCALI SAID EVEN IF SC MERELY REAFFIRMED OR NOTED POINTS IN NEGOTIATION WHERE TWO SIDES ALREADY AGREED SINCE UN HAS NO BUSINESS TRYING TO GUIDE OR ADVISE ON THESE BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH MUST BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. SCALI SAID US WOULD TAKE VERY FIRM POSITION. AT MOST, HE SAID, US CONCEIVABLY MIGHT ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS URGING BOTH SIDES GO BACK TO NEGOTIATIONS BUT WOULD REJECT UN MEDDLING IN BILATERAL

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US- PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. YUG REP NOTED SCALI' S OBJECTIONS, SAYING HE WOULD TELL OTHER POSSIBLE CO- SPONSORS THAT POINTS IMMEDIATELY " CONTROVERSIAL". SCALI SAID WORD WAS NOT " CONTROVERSIAL" BUT " OBJECTIONABLE". YUGOSLAV REP SAID HE PERSONALLY FELT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO MELD ALL THREE RESOLUTIONS INTO SINGLE RES, ELIMINATING SOME REPETITIVE POINTS. HE ADDED UNCOMMITTED REPS WOULD MEET SOON TO EXAMINE DRAFTS, SUGGEST POSSIBLE CHANGES, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WISH TO CO- SPONSOR.

4. PEREZ CUELLAR HAD EARLIER TOLD BENNETT TACTIC WOULD BE TO PRESENT VERY HARD RESOLUTIONS WITH VIEW TO NEGOTIATING DOWN TO ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE. ON WAY OUT OF MEETING WE RAN INTO PEREZ CUELLAR AND REPEATED SAME POINTS MADE TO MOJSOV RE RESOLUTIONS. PEREZ CUELLAR INSISTED HIS POSITION FLEXIBLE. SAYRE

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